

REMARKS

This application has been amended so as to place it in condition for allowance at the time of the next Office Action.

The Advisory Action of March 20, 2009 states that the previously filed amendment of March 12, 2009 has not been entered. The Advisory Action identifies the reasons for such refusal.

Applicant has therefore modified the previously filed but unentered amendment as follows:

The amendment of claim 22 has been changed so as to define the support axis 7 without respect to the cyclist's foot, as required by the Office Action of June 6, 2007. This amendment also eliminates the 'front plate' language identified in the Advisory Action.

The amendment of claim 39 has been changed so that the reference characters 'O' and 'r' are now enclosed within parentheses.

Each of the eight drawing sheets has been replaced. The new drawing sheets have improved quality lines and characters. Each of the figure legends is in the form FIG. x. Figure 6 includes the required bracket identifying the assembly as element 1, Figure 9 includes the schematically identified radial ribs, and Figure 12 includes the required bracket identifying the assembly as element 41, each of which was submitted in an earlier

amendment and entered. It is believed that the hatching in all drawing figures is as it appeared in the drawings as originally filed.

The amendments introduce no new matter to the application.

The remainder of the previously filed remarks appears below, for the sake of continuity and completeness.

As to the matters of form identified as items 1-5 in the Office Action, Applicant has amended the application as necessary to eliminate the bases for such objections, the reconsideration and withdrawal of which are therefore respectfully requested.

The Office Action identifies a number of bases for drawing objections. Applicant has amended the drawings as necessary to eliminate the bases for such objections, including addition of the correct header identifying each sheet of drawings as a replacement sheet, identifying groups of elements by bracket in Figures 6 and 12, and providing the correct form of figure legend for each drawing. The drawing amendment by replacement sheets adds no new matter to the application. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections are respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 28 and 41 as failing to meet the written description requirement. The rejected claims are cancelled, and reconsideration and

withdrawal of such rejection are therefore respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 22, 26-28, and 39-41 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as indefinite. Applicant has carefully reviewed the claims in light of the helpful analysis provided in the Office Action and amended the claims as necessary to overcome such rejection, the reconsideration and withdrawal of which are therefore respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claim 22 as unpatentable over Shimano, and separately as unpatentable over the same reference in view of Bernard et al.

The Office Action also explicitly states, however, that claims 26-28 and 39-41 are allowable but for the rejections and objections that are not based on prior art.

In light of Applicants amendment of claim 22 to incorporate all of the features of claim 26 and the extensive amendment of the claims discussed above, Applicant believes that all claims in the application are in condition for allowance, and an early indication of the same is respectfully requested.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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APPENDIX:

The Appendix includes the following item(s):

- ☒ - a Replacement Sheet for Figures 1-16 of the drawings